

# TGC TIMES

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## RESURRECTION – THE BEDROCK OF OUR FAITH

BY PASTOR SOLOMON KARUNAKARAN

The most important belief, the bedrock of our Christian faith is the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. It is important to consider why this historical fact impacts our spiritual lives here on this earth. In his theological treatise, Paul writes in detail about the resurrection of Jesus and its implications. I will present three truths we need to live by if we have truly

encountered our Lord Jesus at the foot of the cross.

**Purpose** – If Jesus had not risen from the dead we will still be in our sins, as the ultimate sacrifice for the sins of humanity would not have been paid. His death paid the price, and his resurrection provides for us a new purpose.

Paul writes for us in, **I Cor 15:13-14, 17**, “ 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.” All that we do becomes useless. Since Jesus is alive, we are given a new purpose to live for Him alone. This starts when we acknowledge that we are sinners, we need a Savior, and we believe with all our hearts that He died and rose again. God is always at work in our lives and by interacting with him through prayer and His Word we will know His purpose for our lives.

**Perseverance** – As we live our lives in relationship with our Lord Jesus, we will encounter sufferings that may cause us to give up. We are in a kingdom conflict as we have been rescued from the dominion of darkness into the Kingdom of His Son Jesus through whom we have forgiveness and redemption of sins (**Col 1:13-14**). Paul writes in **I Cor 15: 30-32**, “ 30 And as for us, why do we endanger ourselves every hour? 31 I face death every day—yes, just as surely as I boast about you in Christ Jesus our Lord. 32 If I fought wild beasts in Ephesus with no more than human hopes, what have I gained? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.”” He persevered through dangers because the risen Savior provides hope that one day we will all experience resurrection of the body and life everlasting. And therefore, we can persevere through sufferings with the strength the living Lord provides with the same hope.

**Promise** – As Paul continues to write in **I Cor 15:51-53**, “ 51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— 52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.” We are promised a new body when we encounter Jesus face to face. Our bodies that are perishing because of age or disease will be totally transformed. Therefore, we need not fear physical death. The resurrection of Jesus has defeated death. This promise provides great hope of being in the presence of the Lord forever.

Dear TGC family, let us find God’s purpose for our lives, persevere through life, knowing that when the promise is fulfilled, it will all be worth it in the end.

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# MAY BIRTHDAYS

Benita Magdalene	May 01
Iniya Premkumar	May 02
Emmanuel Jebaraj	May 02
Priya Shibu	May 06
Elliana Fredrick	May 12
Elda Williams	May 13
David Livingston	May 14
Nirmal John Rajkumar	May 15
Anitha Joe	May 16
Brian Samuel Richy	May 16
Chelsia Angeline	May 17
Christy Aarathana David	May 18
Samypillai Jayaraj	May 18
Bilson Santhappan	May 18
Davina Shalom	May 19
Joshua Raj	May 23
Preetha David	May 26
Jasmine Shamine Andrew	May 28
Daneshia Bilson	May 28
Ranjith Jayapandian Jothimani	May 30

# MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Christopher Newton Job & Shanthi Newton	May 11
Rajasingh Fredrick Nagarathinam & Jerrina Jayapaul	May 14
Vijay Kumar & Sheela Christy	May 16
Venugopal KS & Florence Daniel	May 20
Raj Premkumar & Yogapriya Rajakumar	May 22
Richy Gerard & Angel Richy	May 23
Shajin Pathrose & Abisha Shajin	May 24
Jebastine Vetharaj & Alice Swarna Rathnakumar	May 25
Andrew Yesuraj & Jasmine Shamine Andrew	May 26
Arul Shalom Aruliah & Sheeja Shalom	May 27

# May 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2 8 pm: • Small Groups	3 7 am: • First Saturday Morning Prayer (Zoom) 8:30 am: • Men's Fellowship
4 5 pm: • Sunday Service Sunday School Tamil Class	5	6	7 8 pm: • Wednesday Night Prayer	8	9 8 pm: • Small Groups	10 11 am: • Fasting Prayer
11 5 pm: • Sunday Service Sunday School Tamil Class	12	13 7 pm: • Elders Meeting	14 8 pm: • Wednesday Night Prayer	15	16 8 pm: • Small Groups	17 10 am: • CUP Outreach
18 5 pm: • Sunday Service Sunday School Tamil Class Youth Group	19	20	21 8 pm: • Wednesday Night Prayer	22	23 8 pm: • Small Groups	24 2 pm: • Women's Fellowship
25 5 pm: • Sunday Service Sunday School Tamil Class	26	27	28 8 pm: • Wednesday Night Prayer	29	30 7 pm: • Volunteer Night	31

## Building Fund Food Fair

June 8<sup>th</sup> 2025 after service

## VBS 2025

June 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 27<sup>th</sup> 2025

## Bible Distribution

Weekdays 6-8pm - Sign up available

## Annual Retreat

Sep 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 2025

BMRC, New Ringgold, PA

**Pastoral Update:** Please reach out to Pastor Solomon for prayer needs and house visits